

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

General Information:

(Check) Bill: X Resolution: _____

Short Title(s): Cease Augmenting Fluoride Levels in Drinking Water

Sponsor(s): Councilor Romero-Wirth and Councilor Jamie Cassutt

Reviewing Department(s): Public Utilities Department (Water Division)

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Reviewed by Finance Director: *Emily K. Oster* Date: 08/19/2025

Summary:

The proposed Bill amends Section 25-1.8 to require the City of Santa Fe ("City") to continue to monitor naturally occurring fluoride levels in the City's municipal water system and stop requiring the City add fluoride to the municipal water supply to achieve a specific range of concentrations.

Departments Affected:

Public Utilities Department

Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:

If this legislation is not adopted, the City's Code will continue to require the Water Division of the Public Utilities Department (PUD) to add fluoride to drinking water to between eight-tenths (.8) part per million and one and two-tenths (1.2) parts per million, which is above Center for Disease Control guidance, of 0.7 parts per million. If the requirement to add fluoride remains, the Water Division will also need to invest an estimated \$400,000 to \$600,000 on fluoridation infrastructure and support an ongoing budget of \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year in fluoride material costs.

Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:

None identified.

Performance and Administrative Implications:

This bill would simplify operational requirements in the City's water system.

Fiscal Implications:

This bill would result in reduced capital costs to PUD of between \$400,000 and \$600,000 in FY2027 and a reduction in ongoing operational costs of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 per year.

Fiscal Impact

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Expenditures

Expenditure Type	FYE '26	FYE '27	FYE '28	Require BAR (Y/N)	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund	3-Year Total Cost
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	<u>\$(500,000)</u>	\$ _____	_____	<u>NR</u>	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	<u>\$(20,000)</u>	<u>\$(35,000)</u>	<u>\$(35,000)</u>		<u>R</u>	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$(20,000)</u>	<u>\$(535,000)</u>	<u>\$(35,000)</u>				<u>\$(590,000)</u>

* This includes all staff time associated with executing the job functions of the proposed legislation.

Expenditure Narrative: Implementation of this bill will save PUD approximately \$590,000 in the next three years. Materials costs are assumed to be less than long term need in FYE 2026 due to current lack of infrastructure necessary to fluoridate all water.

Revenue

Revenue Type	FYE '26	FYE '27	FYE '28	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

Revenue Narrative: There are no revenue implications associated with this bill.

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